

# MAYOR AINSLIE REVIEWS CITY'S WAR ACTIVITIES

## Tells of Men It Has Furnished and of Aid in Liberty Loan and Red Cross Drives—Other Patriotic Endeavors.

The tremendous part Richmond has played in the national war activities was forcefully presented to a large group of citizens gathered last night when he addressed a gathering presided over by the city's mayor, George Ainslie, in the city hall on the occasion of the city's birthday.

Mayor Ainslie, in his address, told of the city's contribution to the war effort. He said that the city had furnished 1,500 men to the armed forces of the country, and that it had also contributed to the Liberty Loan drive, the Red Cross drive, and other patriotic endeavors.

The text of his speech follows:

I have been asked by the committee to tell you about the war activities of Richmond since the United States entered the war. In number, these activities have been varied in character, and I am sure that in the past few months, they have been more varied than in any other period of our history. I have been asked to tell you about the city's contribution to the war effort. I have been asked to tell you about the city's contribution to the Liberty Loan drive, the Red Cross drive, and other patriotic endeavors.

Men in Service.

Although I am not attempting to mention the names of the individuals who have served in the armed forces of the United States, I am sure that you are all aware of the fact that the city has furnished a large number of men to the service. I am sure that you are all aware of the fact that the city has furnished a large number of men to the service.

In addition to these organizations, the government recruiting offices have enlisted a large number of men. I am sure that you are all aware of the fact that the city has furnished a large number of men to the service. I am sure that you are all aware of the fact that the city has furnished a large number of men to the service.

When the War Department undertook to organize the necessary machinery for the registration of the men within the first draft age of twenty-one to thirty-one, it was necessary to go through local organizations throughout the country. In Richmond, we organized four registration boards for the original registration, starting with a small nucleus, which consisted of the members of the various boards.

Liberty Loans and War Savings Stamps.

Shortly after the entry of the United States into the war, the government arranged to issue its first loan, called the Liberty Loan. The city of Richmond, of course, by long odds, the largest amount that Richmond had ever been asked to put up for any cause, and for a city of its size, with a population of less than 64 per cent of the total, the task seemed almost insurmountable.

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ized and conducted what were known as the Sunday Slings, which consisted of musical program and patriotic addresses. These entertainments ran for eighteen weeks, with average audiences of about 4,000. With the assistance of the Musicians' Club and other entertainers, an average of from three to six groups of entertainers have been sent to Camp Lee each week for the past six months, giving entertainments in the Y. M. C. A. hut, the average attendance at these entertainments being placed at approximately 4,000. Entertainments have also been provided each week to the members of the training detachment at the Fair Grounds.

The woman's auxiliary of this organization visits all patients at the Base Hospital at Camp Lee, constantly carrying dainties, books, magazines and games. Thousands of visits have been made to private homes in Richmond for Sunday dinner through the instrumentality of this club, and on last Christmas day there were invitations to more than 2,000 men, the invitations running to from one to 100 men for Christmas dinner.

Twice a month an entertainment is given at the Knights of Columbus Building at Camp Lee, and every Saturday, from 8 until 10 P. M., luncheon is provided at the Knights of Columbus Hall to all members of the service who will accept the hospitality of the club, being allowed to pay for anything. This is done at a cost to the local council of approximately \$250 a month.

These schools are under the instruction of teachers in the public schools, Virginia Mechanics' Institute, and others. The men are taught carpentry, automobile mechanics, truck driving, electrical work, blacksmithing, machine shop work and radio operation. In addition to this, under instruction of their own officers, they are taught all kinds of military drill and exercises. These are comparatively few of the schools throughout the country, and they were located only after careful survey by government officials. It was no small compliment to Richmond that one of these schools was located here, for it meant that in the opinion of the government officers Richmond could furnish not only an acceptable faculty of instructors, but a desirable facility for the training of men.

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Howorth League to Meet.

The Union meeting of the Howorth League of Richmond will be held in Fairmount Methodist Church Tuesday at 8:15 P. M. Rev. W. J. Jarman, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, will be the speaker of the evening.

Will Select 15,000 Army.

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